

## Banks should pressure S. Africa, ministers say A-9

CANBERRA (CP) — A Commonwealth committee has recommended that banks put financial pressure on South Africa to end apartheid but did not suggest any new trade sanctions.

The recommendation came yesterday as the Commonwealth committee of foreign ministers on southern Africa concluded its fourth and final meeting in Australia's capital city.

During the three-day meeting, the eight foreign ministers also discussed a report on further sanctions against South Africa, independence for Namibia, the Commonwealth Games and South Africa's relationship with other countries in the region.

"For now, I am happy that we have come to an agreement on hitting South Africa's financial ties," said Tanzanian Foreign Minister Benjamin Mkapa.

"We have to make those and existing trade sanctions work together as a package."

The ministers — including External Affairs Minister Joe Clark — said in their final communiqué that they want international banks to put the squeeze on South Africa in the

sensitive area of debt refinancing.

Billions of dollars of loans to South Africa are to be renewed in June 1990, and the ministers say they will ask banks to impose tough repayment terms. Among the suggestions are that the banks impose the highest possible interest rates.

But Clark, the chairman of the meeting, and the other ministers did not recommend any new trade sanctions. They decided to leave the matter to their bosses when the heads of government meet in October in Kuala Lumpur.

In the meantime, the foreign ministers decided they would send delegations to countries that have existing trade sanctions against South Africa but are not abiding by them.

Earlier yesterday, Clark told reporters the South African government turns its ambassadors into "stunt men" whenever the Commonwealth meets to discuss apartheid.

He was responding to a poll released in Ottawa on Tuesday by the South African embassy indicating that Canadians oppose sanctions if they hurt the black majority.

He said the embassy released "partial results of old polls."